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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hiroyuki SHIMIZU et al. Conf.: 7526

Appl. No.: 09/530,013 Group: 1651

Filed: April 24, 2000 Examiner: R. Gitomer

For: METHOD FOR INHIBITING THE DEGRADATION OF BRAIN NATRIURETIC PEPTIDES IN A SPECIMEN COMPRISING THE USE OF CONTAINERS MADE OF OR COATED WITH SILICONE OR PLASTICS (AS AMENDED)

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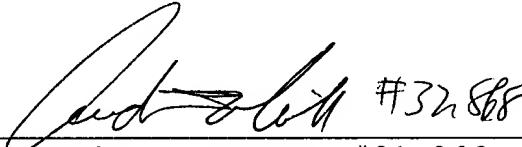
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated April 14, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.